

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jim Balazs on Nov. 5, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, page 5, line 6,

"the number of shafts is n-1" was changed to

-- the number of shafts is n-2 --

Page 5, line 10,

"located in n-1 positions" was changed to

-- located in n-2 positions --.

Claim 5, lines 11-12,

"connecting mechanisms, n-1 in number" was changed to

--connecting mechanisms, n-2 in number --;

Claim 5, line 16,

"in n-1 positions" was changed to

-- in n-2 positions --.

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